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[REDACTED] REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION OF PEOPLE IN ARMS (ORPA) MEMBER RAUL ((MOLINA)) ARRIVED IN GUATEMALA ON 21 JUNE 1993 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PASSING THE URNG'S MESSAGE TO VARIOUS POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS AND PEACE COMMISSION CONCILIATOR MONSIGNOR RODOLFO ((QUEZADA)) TORUNO THAT IT WAS READY TO RECONVENE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA. [REDACTED] THERE WERE THREE PRINCIPAL GOALS OF MOLINA'S VISIT. THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE WAS TO SPEAK TO QUEZADA AND RELAY THE URNG HIGH COMMAND'S DESIRE TO RE-ENGAGE IN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MOLINA TOLD QUEZADA THE URNG'S INITIATION OF A UNILATERAL CEASE-FIRE WAS A SIGN OF THE ORGANIZATION'S WILLINGNESS AND COMMITMENT TO REACH A PEACE ACCORD WITH THE NEW GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT. MOLINA SCHEDULED A MEETING WITH GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT RAMIRO ((DE LEON)) CARPIO, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MOLINA DID NOT SPEAK WITH MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES. DURING THE COURSE OF HIS STAY IN GUATEMALA, MOLINA TOLD COLLEAGUES THE URNG LEADERSHIP WAS OF THE OPINION THAT IT WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCELERATE THE SIGNING OF A HUMAN RIGHTS ACCORD WITH DE LEON'S GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] MOLINA'S SECOND GOAL WHILE IN GUATEMALA WAS TO GENERATE SUPPORT FROM LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS AND LABOR UNIONS TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT AND THE MILITARY TO PROVE THE MILITARY'S CLAIM THAT FORMER ORPA LEADER EFRAIN ((BAMACA)) IS DEAD. [REDACTED] THE URNG LEADERSHIP DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT BAMACA IS DEAD. [REDACTED] BAMACA WAS THE THIRD IN COMMAND OF ORPA. HIS CAPTURE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED THE OPERATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION, AS IT WAS FORCED TO CHANGE SAFEHOUSES, TACTICS, AND COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES. THE URNG LEADERSHIP BELIEVES HIS CAPTURE AND THE KNOWLEDGE HE POSSESSED ON ORPA AND THE URNG WOULD BE EXTREMELY VALUABLE TO THE GUATEMALAN MILITARY, AND THUS BELIEVE HE IS STILL ALIVE!)

[REDACTED] LASTLY, MOLINA MET WITH MEMBERS OF LABOR AND CIVIL ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH THE URNG HAS A DEGREE OF INFLUENCE IN AN ATTEMPT TO PRESENT THE URNG'S POSITION AS LESS RADICAL AND MORE FLEXIBLE THAN IN THE PAST. MOLINA DESCRIBED THE URNG AS MOVING TOWARD A MORE OPEN POSTURE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE URNG LEADERSHIP BELIEVES NOBEL PEACE PRIZE RECIPIENT RIGOBERTA ((MENCHU)) [REDACTED] RECEIVED NEGATIVE PRESS TREATMENT BECAUSE OF HER RADICAL AND SEEMINGLY OBSTRUCTIONIST STANCE DURING THE 25 MAY 1993 "AUTOGOLPE" AND ITS AFTERMATH. AS A RESULT, THE URNG LEADERSHIP VIEWS HER POSITION WITHIN THE GUATEMALAN POPULAR MOVEMENT AS DIMINISHING. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE URNG DOES NOT WANT TO BE PERCEIVED NEGATIVELY, AND VIEWS MENCHU'S DIMINISHING POPULARITY AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF WIDOWS OF GUATEMALA (CONAVIGUA), THE HUMAN RIGHTS MUTUAL SUPPORT GROUP (GAM), THE LABOR UNION OF WORKERS OF GUATEMALA (UNSI TRAGUA), AND THE LABOR AND POPULAR ACTION UNITY (UASP) TO GAIN IMPORTANCE IN THE CIVIL ARENA.

[REDACTED]

THE GUATEMALAN MILITARY HOLDS MEMBERS OF THE URNG IN A SYSTEM OF CLANDESTINE JAILS AND COERCES THEM TO WORK AGAINST GUATEMALAN GUERRILLAS. [REDACTED]

TWO FORMER URNG MEMBERS, ALIASES "WILLY" AND "CARLOS," WHO ESCAPED FROM THE MILITARY IN LATE 1992, WERE TOURING EUROPEAN COUNTRIES RELATING STORIES OF CAPTURED URNG MEMBERS WHO ARE HELD IN CLANDESTINE PRISON CELLS BY THE GUATEMALAN MILITARY. [REDACTED]

TWO URNG MEMBERS WHO CLAIM TO HAVE ESCAPED FROM A GUATEMALAN ARMY CLANDESTINE PRISON [REDACTED] SAY THAT THEY SAW ORPA COMMANDER EFRAIN BAHACA ALIVE IN A CLANDESTINE PRISON. THE ESCAPED URNG MEMBERS ATTENDED A HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE IN GENEVA TO CONDEMN THE CLANDESTINE PRISONS.)

[REDACTED] THE STORIES "WILLY" AND "CARLOS" ARE TELLING ARE TRUE, INCLUDING DESCRIPTIONS OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY IN THEIR PREVIOUS PREDICAMENT. [REDACTED]

THERE WERE SOME 340 TO 360 FORMER URNG MEMBERS CONTROLLED BY THE MILITARY. [REDACTED] A SMALL PORTION OF THESE WERE LEGITIMATE DEFECTORS, BUT [REDACTED] THE MAJORITY WERE URNG MEMBERS WHO WERE CAPTURED BY THE MILITARY, HELD IN CELLS ON MILITARY COMPOUNDS EXTRAJUDICIALLY, AND CONVINCED TO COOPERATE WITH THE MILITARY. [REDACTED] THE MILITARY USED PHYSICAL COERCION AS PART OF THE PERSUASION PROCESS.

[REDACTED] THE CAPTURED URNG MEMBERS WERE FORCED TO JOIN THE MILITARY AND WORK AGAINST THE URNG, UTILIZING ALL THE INFORMATION THEY POSSESSED ON THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS MEMBERS, FOR WHICH THEY WERE GIVEN "AMNESTY" FOR THEIR PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES WITH THE URNG. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IMMEDIATELY UPON CAPTURE, THE URNG MEMBERS ARE OFFICIALLY DOCUMENTED IN THE MILITARY AS ARMY VOLUNTEERS, THUS ENABLING THE ARMY TO HAVE "LEGAL AUTHORITY" FOR KEEPING THEM. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE FORMER GUERRILLAS ARE PAID A SALARY, OFTEN GIVEN ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR FAMILIES, BUT DO NOT RECEIVE THE SAME AMOUNT OF FREEDOM AS REGULAR ARMY PERSONNEL. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] OVER TIME,  
SOME INDIVIDUALS ARE JUDGED TO BE GOOD COLLABORATORS AND ARE  
GRANTED A DEGREE OF FREEDOM.

[REDACTED] SOME OF  
THE FORMER URNG MEMBERS HAVE BEEN "COOPERATING" WITH THE  
MILITARY FOR TEN TO FOURTEEN YEARS, WHILE OTHERS WERE ONLY  
CAPTURED IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.

[REDACTED] THE CLANDESTINE DETENTION AND  
INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM HAS BEEN A MAJOR PROJECT OF THE GUATEMALAN  
MILITARY COUNTERINSURGENCY EFFORT FOR MANY YEARS. HOWEVER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THIS COVERT OPERATION BY THE  
MILITARY COULD NOT CONTINUE. [REDACTED]

END OF MESSAGE

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